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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE ON INDIAN OCEAN TASK FORCE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 0026

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE ON IF
ASKED BASIS. SUBJECT HAS NOT TO DATE BEEN RAISED DURING
NOON BRIEFING:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE TANZANIAN GOVERN-
MENT'S STATEMENT CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. NAVAL
VESSELS FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND ACCUSING US OF DISRE-
GARDING A UN RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AREA A PEACE ZONE?

ANSWER: WE ADHERE TO THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF FREEDOM
OF NAVIGATION ON THE HIGH SEAS.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE UN RESOLUTION
REFERRED TO?

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ANSWER: THE U.S. ABSTAINED ALONG WITH MOST OF THE MAJOR MARITIME COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USSR. THE U.S. VIEW IS THAT SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS TO NAVIGATION BEYOND TERRITORIAL WATERS WOULD RUN COUNTER TO EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAW. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOLD THAT A NATION CAN DISPATCH ITS SHIPS ANYWHERE ON THE HIGH SEAS. KISSINGER

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